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AMUSEMENTS.
MARQUAM GRAND THEATRE (Marquam street, bet. 6th and 7th)—Evening 8:15. James H. H. and company, in "A Gentleman of France."

CORLIHAT'S THEATRE, Washington street—Evening 8:15. "Buckskin and the Dog."

THE BAKER THEATRE, Third and Yamhill streets—Evening 8:15. The Baker company in "The Prisoner of Zenda."

ARCADE THEATRE, Seventh and Washington—Continuing vaudeville daily, 2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30.

THE EMPIRE THEATRE, Twelfth and Morrison—Evening 8:15, grand opera concert.

THE HUNTERS FIND HONEY—From the number of bee trees found in the Willamette valley and the large amount of honey usually found in them, it is the opinion of many that bee-raising or honey-producing is not carried on to the extent it should be in this region. An old oak tree about 4 1/2 feet in diameter was cut down a few days ago on R. R. Thompson's farm, Glenbrook, which was found to contain two cavities having a swarm of bees in each, a most unusual find.

The tree was discovered and cut down by Charlie Bain and Dick Johnson, veteran bee-hunters, who were attacked by both swarms and stung scores of times. The half-dozen spectators took to their heels when the tree began to totter, and in their haste tumbled over each other in a heap and several of them received a number of stings. It was found that the lower cavity in the tree had been occupied a long time and that a large amount of honey had been stored there. The second swarm had not been in business long, but had devoted its attention principally to stealing the honey of the first swarm, and there was a continual fight going on between them. "The robbers had sipped so much honey that there was about the same quantity, 300 pounds, in each cavity. It is not generally known that the honey bees will steal, but the fact is that when he gets a chance to steal honey he gets busier than usual.

HOOD RIVER ORCHARDS DAMAGED—The damage done to Hood River apple orchards by the late heavy rain is likely to prove nearly as serious as was at first supposed. Young orchards suffered most, and trees which had shed their leaves were killed. The rain is said to have been the most severe known in Hood River valley for 25 years. As it was preceded or accompanied by a fall of damp snow, which weighed the boughs down, the pressure of the wind caused the trunks of such trees to split. In the Eggemore orchard, owned by F. Eggert, of this city, consisting principally of trees just coming into bearing, some 200 trees were injured, many of them killed. Some of them will probably lose a part of their limbs, but others will not suffer much. If the disaster had happened in the spring, when the sap was ascending, probably many of the splits would have united when the parts were brought together and held in place, but at this time of year this is not to be hoped for. All will be pleased to learn that the damage is less than was estimated at first.

EAST WIND BLOWS NOBODY GOOD—The old saying that it is an ill wind that blows nobody good must have been intended to refer to the east wind especially, for, so far west as one may get, even to the farthest west, the east wind brings no healing on its wings, but misery to all. Since this unwelcome wind sprang up here a few days ago, the doctors of the city have been kept busy attending to patients to whom it has brought many afflictions, chest and lung troubles especially, with a host of other ills and complications following in their train. Fortunately the baleful wind does not blow often, but unfortunately it always blows in bad weather and at the worst season, or rather it makes disagreeable weather. It is to be hoped that the present visitation may soon blow over and get out of the country and not return.

CITY'S EXPENSIVE LIBRARY—Mayor Williams' office boy has early in life reached what many consider the height of bliss usually described as "having nothing to do but cut off coupons." Every morning he is hard at work in the Auditor's department until the Mayor arrives, cutting off coupons, or more properly, cutting off the edges of coupons to fill a dozen or more large books, which will form an interesting but rather expensive library. When they are all pasted in the sum total of interest paid by the city in bonds will be figured up and it will astonish those who have been furnishing the money to pay it.

CATCHER IN MOVING BOLLS—Thomas Grubbs, a boy of about 12 years, employed in the Portland Cordage Factory, is taking a vacation and carrying one of his arms in a sling. On Tuesday he was trying to clean a roller while the machine was in motion. In some way his fingers were caught between two rollers, and his arm drawn in half way to the elbow before he could cry out and have the machine stopped. He thinks none of the bones were broken, but the flesh was crushed, and it will be some time before he is able to work again.

CITY PRESS CLUB JINKS—Under the auspices of the City Press Club, of Portland, an informal social and smoker will be held in the clubrooms, seventh floor, Marquam building, tomorrow night. Invitations have been sent to friends of the club, announcing the gathering, and members are requested to be in attendance. During the evening, musical selections will be given, good stories will be told and an all around jolly time is looked forward to.

HORSE KICKED HIM IN THE FACE—O. D. Fruit, an expressman, was injured severely on Wednesday, by being kicked in the face by a horse. Fruit was driving his team from Stewart's Station when the wagon got mired, and while working between the horses in an effort to free them he was kicked. One of the animals broke away from the wagon and has not yet been recaptured. His injuries, while painful, are not very serious.

DON'T WANT AID—The Oregon Miner's Association has decided not to accept the \$500 offered by the State Fair Commission for the purpose of getting a mineral exhibit together for St. Louis and the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The members have decided that there are too many strings tied to the offer and that it would be better to finance the exhibit from the resources of the nine branches of the organization throughout the state.

MOTORMAN BREAKS AN ARM—While trying to repair a broken trolley pole at First and Alder streets yesterday morning, Christ Peterson, a motorman on the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company line, slipped and fell to the pavement, suffering a fracture of the left arm between the shoulder and elbow. He was immediately taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where the broken bone was set.

NOTICE TO CONNOISSEURS—Today and tomorrow we will hold an exhibition of rare Persian art work. This is a direct importation from the Orient and the remnants of picked-over stock such as have been shown in this city during the past few months. Absolute unreserved auction sale at 2 and 3 P. M. Monday. The new store, 402 Washington, corner Tenth.

DAYLIGHT OF POOR QUALITY—Next Thursday will be Thanksgiving day, but it is a month until the days begin to grow longer, when the hours of daylight will be fewer than they are now, and of late there has been little enough daylight and the quality not of the best. It will be a comfort when the days begin to grow longer and the sun stronger.

ONLY 25 cents to the Dalles and way landings. Take Steamer Bailey Gatzert and get to your destination from one to two hours ahead of any other steamer on the river. Leaves Alder-streetlock 7 A. M. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Steamer Dalles City leaves 6:30 A. M. same days. Tickets to any point only 15 cents. Phone Main 814.

KIPPER'S ABSENCE AT LARGE—The man who shot F. L. Kipper, in the Parke House yesterday morning, is still at large. The detectives have not been able to learn who he is, nor to get any trace of him. Kipper was reported the hospital last night to be resting well, and hopes were entertained as to his recovery.

REGULAR FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3 to 5, recital at Ellers Hall this afternoon. Admission free.

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TRY TO FORGET IT.

City Councilmen Will Not Notice Mr. Flegel's Denunciation of Them.

The resolution of the Council condemning Councilman Flegel's recent denunciation of officials will probably never come before the Council officially. Mayor Williams took the stand, yesterday, that it would probably be unwise to take any formal action on the remarks of the Councilman from the Tenth ward, and since the resolution was placed in the Mayor's hands that he might determine upon a course of action, his decision will, in all probability, be final.

"I think Mr. Flegel erred, and that his remarks were without justification," said the Mayor. "It was not only inopportune but in fact, and I don't suppose any official notice should be taken of what he said. He was probably laboring under excitement when he spoke as he did, and I have no doubt that he said things on the spur of the moment that he would not have said upon calm reflection."

Here are the resolutions that the Mayor headed off:

Whereas, the newspapers of the City of Portland, on the 16th inst., report a public address by the gentleman representing the Tenth Ward of the city in this Council, in which said member of this Council is credited with having stated that the government of this city is run by thieves and robbers, a condition which could not exist if there were six members of this Council who would stand for the right; and

Whereas, the said statements of the Councilman from the Tenth Ward in said public address also reflect discredit upon the Mayor of this city, and were evidently made as a public accusation of dishonesty against the majority of the members of this body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee for the purpose of recommending a proper procedure by which the said statements of the Councilman from the Tenth Ward may be investigated and publicity given to the evidence of dishonesty which are alleged to exist in this body.

FRED T. MERRILL, JOHN P. SHARKEY, L. ZIMMERMAN, A. K. BENTLEY, MAT FORSLER, R. D. EHLER.

METHODISTS IN PORTLAND.

Local Churches Not Nearly as Large as One in Spokane.

Dr. A. R. Lambert, of the First Methodist Church of Spokane, is justly proud of having the fourth largest Methodist Church in America. He has a congregation of 1500 members, which is twice as large as any other Methodist church on the coast and is only outnumbered by a Brooklyn, a Denver and a Southern church. Dr. Lambert's church had only 500 members two years ago, but by a judicious use of revival meetings he has doubled the number. He has also enrolled the Sunday school, in one case an infant of 6 having been considered worthy of becoming a member of the church.

Portland cannot furnish a single Methodist church to compare with this mammoth congregation. The largest is the Taylor-street Church, with an attendance of something over 700. The other 11 range from 50 to 600 in attendance.

The larger part of the Methodists in Spokane go to Dr. Lambert's church, so that its large numbers do not indicate that Spokane's population is composed of Methodists or that they have received religion since Dr. Lambert came to Spokane.

"Portland has 237 Methodists, according to last year's report," answered Dr. H. J. Talbot, of the Taylor-street Church, in answer to a query, "and that does not include the German and Norwegian-Danish churches. They are scattered through a dozen congregations, and would make a fair comparison to the First Church of Spokane if they were gathered into one."

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Biggest Kind of a Hit.

Mason and Mason in "Rudolph and the Dog," who have scored the biggest kind of a hit at Corday's Theater this week, will be seen tonight, at the matinee tomorrow and for the last time Saturday night. The advance sale of seats is large, and the company is desirous of all the success accorded to it.

De Wolf Hopper Sale Today.

The advance sale of seats will be open this morning at 10 o'clock for De Wolf Hopper in the musical comedy, "Mr. Pickwick," which comes to the Marquam Grand Theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with a special matinee Wednesday.

"The Storke."

The vaudeville attraction at the Marquam Grand Theatre will be the musical comedy success, "The Storke," which opens with the matinee Thursday, November 25, continuing the remainder of the week, with a matinee Saturday.

"Too Much Johnson."

The first comedy of the season will be produced at the Baker all next week, beginning Sunday afternoon, with a special matinee Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 26.

"The Prisoner of Zenda."

Anthony Hope's great drama is rounding out the biggest week of the season at the Baker, notwithstanding exceedingly cold and wet weather.

Five Shows at the Arcade Today.

The vaudeville bill at the Arcade Theater is refreshing. Why not be refreshed? Five shows daily—2:30, 3:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30.

"King of the Opium Ring."

There has been a great demand for seats for the opening of the Empire next day with "The King of the Opium Ring."

"A Millionaire Tramp."

The new comedy play, "A Millionaire Tramp," opens at Corday's Theater next Sunday with a matinee.

Large Holland Bank Falls.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The well-known De Hollandsche Bank has stopped payment, says a dispatch to the Herald from The Hague. Of late a great many banks have failed, especially in Haarlem and Delft, but also in the south of Holland. The financial condition, which is alleged to be due to the decline of American securities largely held in Holland, is much depressed. The proprietors of De Hollandsche Bank are endeavoring to arrange affairs with the creditors.

CONCERT AT THE EMPIRE

SELECTIONS FROM GRAND OPERA WILL BE SUNG TONIGHT.

Songsters of More Than Local Fame Will Appear at This Evening's Musical Entertainment.

Grand opera is not known as well as it ought to be in Portland. As it is far away from great music centers, and such an undertaking can only be supplied at an enormous cost, when highly trained solo singers, chorus, costumes, scenery, orchestra and railroad fares enter into the calculation. But grand opera sung by people trained in it is now brought to Portland by the very doors by the grand opera concert to be given this evening at the Empire Theater, under the direction of Manager George L. Baker. Tickets are selling rapidly, and if any wish to attend this concert early application for seats at the Empire box office, Twelfth and Morrison streets, is advised.

This concert is the result of quite a piece of enterprise on Mr. Baker's part. Herr Vilmos Titkary, a Hungarian tenor, who had wandered from Alaska to this city, happened to secure a vaudeville engagement at the Empire. Titkary sang a number of songs in English and did well, considering the fact that he hardly knows the English language, but on the second day of the engagement Mr. Baker was surprised to hear Titkary singing an aria from grand opera, behind the scenes.

"Who is that new tenor?" hastily asked Mr. Baker, and he was surprised when confronted by his protégé, Titkary. The latter then sang operatic selections for his vaudeville turn and met with great success. Just then the idea struck Mr. Baker that he might present Titkary in a grand operatic concert, in order that the people of Portland might hear the new tenor to the best advantage before leaving Portland. Musical people who have heard Titkary sing, like his pure tenor voice, but are puzzled as to whether he is a tenor primo or a tenor robusto. Some of his upper tones are decidedly of the lyric tenor order, but the experts are to attend the concert this evening and see if they cannot decide the question once and for all.

Many persons living in this city and near it have never heard the noble voice of Millard G. Lowndale, Oregon's great basso. It was only at the entreaties of personal friends that Mr. Lowndale ultimately consented to sing at this concert, as he lives a quiet, retired life on his ranch since he recently came from Italy, where he received his training in grand opera. In addition to taking his part in the grand operatic selections, Mr. Lowndale will sing Schumann's "Two Grenadiers," a war song about two wounded French soldiers who are limping away from the Prussian frontier when they hear that their old leader, the great Napoleon, has escaped from Elba and is in the field ready for his enemies again. The words and music breathe a true war spirit. It will be an inspiration to hear Mr. Lowndale in such a song.

One of the grandest and most ambitious numbers is Donizetti's sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor." The very germ of grand opera, in its most tragic sense, is here. The music once heard, can never be forgotten. The story is taken from Sir Walter Scott's novel, "The Bride of Lammermoor," and tells how the heroine, Lucy Ashton, is commanded by her stern parents to marry a man they have selected for her. She pleads that she loves Edgar, the master of Ravenswood, but they hurry on her marriage with the more wealthy suitor. At the wedding altar, the master of Ravenswood suddenly appears, accuses Lucy of her perfidy, and she becomes insane and tries to kill her nee-found husband. In snowstorm is drowned in a quicksand while on his way to fight a duel with Lucy's brother. That is why such tragic music is written for such a tragic story.

Mrs. Walter Reed, one of the favorite contraltos of the Northwest, is another of the singers, and it is safe to say that

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